

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 8-14 remain pending in this application with claims 1 and 8 being amended and claims 2-7 being cancelled by this response.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1 and 2 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Frederick. Claim 7 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claims 2-7. Claims 2-7 have been cancelled. In view of the amendments to claim 1 to include the limitations of allowable claims 2-7 it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is now allowable. In view of the amendments to claim 1 and the cancellation of claims 2-7, it is further respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

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Rejection of Claims 3- 6 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 3- 6 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frederick in view of Mogford et al. Claims 3-6 have been cancelled. In view of the cancellation of claims 3-6, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is now moot and should be withdrawn.

As all claims now pending are allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application now be allowed to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

Please charge any fee due and not covered by an enclosed check to Deposit Account No. 500716.

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